

RUSSIANS TAKE 100,000 TURK PRISONERS

MOHAMMEDANS FLEEING TO WESTWARD FROM ERZERUM

OVER ONE THOUSAND CANNON CAPTURED
Two Thousand Officers and Men
Are Lost by the British
in Mesopotamia

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—With the capture of the Erzerum by the Russians, interest in the war operations has shifted momentarily to the fields of warfare in Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia. Despatches from Petrograd say that an official messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at Erzerum at 100,000 and the guns captured at more than a thousand.

A Constantinople official statement makes no mention of the capture of the fortress. The only mention of operations in this area is the declaration that the Russians in fighting three days have lost five thousand dead. Russian advices say the Turks are fleeing westward from Erzerum through the mountains. Constantinople reports losses of one British expedition in Mesopotamia in battle with Turks near Batiha, of two thousand officers and men.

LANSING ACCEPTS GERMAN AGREEMENT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Secretary Lansing today accepted the Lusitania agreement as acceptable to the United States insofar as it relates to that case, but asked Count Von Bernstorff for assurances that Germany would carry out its policy of sinking merchant ships without warning to the liners, if they did carry defensive

armament. The question as to what constitutes defensive armament will be determined later. It was said authoritatively that Germany, because of its unusual position, cannot and will not accept the suggestion of the United States as it now stands that liners carrying arms be immune from attack under the previous assurances.

ARCHIVES OF SERBIA TAKEN BY AUSTRIANS

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS OF MINISTRY OF STATE REMOVED TO VIENNA

(By Associated Press.)

BUDAPEST, Feb. 17.—Notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the Serbians to rescue all their archives, those belonging to the ministry of state have been captured by the Austrians and taken to Vienna. The discovery of the important documents is due to an Austrian Red Cross nurse.

During the Austrian crossing of the Save river, the general staff of one division quartered itself in an old cloister inhabited by a monk and an Austrian nurse who had been captured by the Serbians and forced by them to cook at the cloister. She had been there two months, she told the officers.

Just after her arrival, she said, a huge motor truck rolled up one night. It was manned by fleeing Serbians who forced those in the house into a room and locked them in for six hours. When they were released the motor truck and the huge cases it had contained had disappeared. The nurse was sure the truck had been unloaded at the cloister.

The general staff immediately began an investigation of the premises. In the wine cellar they finally came on traces of newly turned earth. When they excavated at this point they found 64 cases containing all the state archives.

WIDENER BUYS FAMOUS COLLECTION OF PRINTS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Joseph E. Widener of Philadelphia, it was announced today, has purchased the notable Christophe collection of eighteenth century French prints, consisting of 500 examples. The collection is considered second only to that of Baron de Rothschild of Paris. Terms of the sale were not made public, but the price is said to have been approximately \$250,000.

M. H. CLIFFORD, James McKay and Ira McKay have returned from an auto trip to Pahump, where they inspected a mining property and enjoyed a hunt.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS CONVE

REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANY WESTERN STATES ARE IN ATTENDANCE

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Feb. 17.—Problems pertaining to the office of state superintendent of public instruction and relating to the administration and control of state lands are chief among the topics to be discussed at the first conference of state superintendents of western and public lands states which opened here today for a two-days' session. Steps to effect a permanent organization are planned.

Representatives of California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Oregon have signified their intention of attending. Other states, whose officials may participate in the conference are Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin.

BETTER RESULTS IN TREATING WOUNDED

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—According to figures just published by the German Medical Weekly (Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift) the medical corps of the German army has established better and better results almost every month in treating the wounded. The record at the start was, in fact, a very high one, 84.8 per cent of the wounded being so completely healed that they could return to the ranks, 3 per cent dying, and the remaining 12.2 per cent being discharged as unfit for further service or sent away on furlough for later examination.

The figures improved from then on till the number of men returning to duty in May, June and July reached above 91 per cent. The most striking improvement was the reduction in the ratio of deaths; these amounted in June and July to only 1.2 per cent of the wounded, as compared with 3 per cent for August, 1914. Similarly the ratio of wounded men sent

AMERICAN LIVES ON POLICY'S ALTAR

Terrible Sacrifice Made to Aid President in His Watchful Waiting

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—All of the state departments' data on the Mexican situation asked for by Senator Fall, transmitted to the senate by the president, was ordered printed as a public document. It had been expected that some of it would be held confidential. In a letter accompanying

the report Secretary Lansing said that seventy-six Americans were killed in Mexico in 1913, 1914 and 1915, as against forty-seven in the three years preceding; that twenty-six civilian Americans and sixteen soldiers were killed on American soil in the same three years as a result of the Mexican troubles.

TONOPAHN BACK FROM BABOONVILLE

(By W. M. G.)

How vividly we remember the text and the illustrations of "How Stanley Found Livingstone," and here comes back to Tonopah one of our pioneers, who for the past three years has been living on the very trail traversed by the intrepid explorer, who suffered hardships, underwent dangers and made himself a figure of worldwide fame.

J. A. (Jack) Burger dropped off No. 24 this morning with a bride, whom he acquired on the way home, stopping over a day in Chicago to have Miss May Bernard, a sweetheart of his Tonopah days, exchange her name for his wedding ring. When they reached Tonopah this morning Jack and his bride were greeted by many friends, for it be remembered that Mr. Burger for eight years resided

in this village, where he smashed parcels in the Wells, Fargo office and broke ground in the Belmont.

He is the same old Jack, somewhat fattened up, not moving so briskly, has a little of that yellow brown color on his face and hands which are all indicative of life in the land of the beemoth.

During his absence Jack has been acting as engineer and field prospector for an American-Belgian syndicate comprising the Forminere company. It has a big concession in what was formerly known as the Congo Free State, but which is now termed the Belgian Congo. The concession is an excellent producer, but, of course, Mr. Burger cannot say how good.

To evidence the distance from Tonopah to the present scene of activities of the subject of this sketch it

BRANDEIS SAID TO BE UNSCRUPULOUS

President's Selection as Supreme Court Justice Alleged to be Untrustworthy

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Moorfield Storey, a Boston attorney, charged before the sub-committee that Judge Brandeis helped wreck the New York and New England railroad in 1893, with the result that it was absorbed by the New Haven. When asked Brandeis' reputation as a lawyer, he testified, "I think that his reputation at the Boston bar is that he is a capable, energetic man, and, if necessary to advance his objects, he is not scrupulous as to his methods, nor is he to be trusted."

is only necessary to say that he left for home on November 1 and made only one stop of consequence and that was on the second day of this month in Chicago, where the important event, already narrated, took place. Now, as to Mrs. Burger, do you think she is afraid of the jungle terrors? Not by a blessed sight! She is going back with her hubby six months hence and she will in the meantime acquaint herself with the use of a motion picture camera and there will be some thrillers come out of Africa. She is game to the backbone. You can tell that by the way her eyebrows come together and her hands clench when she expresses herself. Jack, however, isn't afraid either.

Now, to return to Africa. The location of the Forminere company's holdings is 1,500 miles up the Congo

river and there are no taxicabs at the boat landing. It is a case of hike through the jungles for twenty-seven days and keep moving all the time. Finally one arrives at the point where Stanley made headquarters in his search for Emili Bey Pasha, which incident is most familiar history. It is but 200 miles to that mysterious inland sea of darkest Africa, Victoria Nyanza.

One would imagine the tsee-tsee fly, which causes the incurable sleeping sickness, would be quite prevalent there, but Jack says that he has them all slaughtered with a swatter. He says, also, that there are only five or six varieties of venomous reptiles in his neighborhood, neglecting to state how many there are of each

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TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah.
U. S. Weather Bureau
1916 1915
5 a. m. 35 35
9 a. m. 39 33
12 noon 41 39
2 p. m. 46 42
Relative humidity at 2 p. m. today, 54 per cent.

VAST ACREAGE IS COVERED BY WATER

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND ACRES FLOODED

(By Associated Press.)

NATCHEZ, Feb. 17.—The head waters of flood pouring through the levee break near New Elton have reached St. Joseph and are running toward Waterproof and Ferriday. Relief committees have reiterated their appeal to the federal government for aid for refugees. It is estimated that more than one hundred and twenty thousand acres are already flooded.

DOG CATCHER FIRES GUN ON STREETS

Dog Catcher Jefferson brought much criticism down on his head today when he fired several shots at an unmuzzled dog on the street, afterwards hitting him on the head with a rock and then with a club, from which injuries he died. The Bonanza office, as well as that of the chief of police had calls from many business men and citizens, all of whom expressed indignation at the act. Chief Evans says that he had not deputized Jefferson and that he had no permit to carry a gun and discharge it on the streets, other than what authority was given him to kill the impounded dogs that were not claimed.

KHEDIVE OF EGYPT BECOMING PEEVED

THRONE OFFERED TO PRINCE YUSUF, WHO DECLINED THE HONOR

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Advises from Cairo given out by the Overseas agency says that the Khedive of Egypt has become discontented. The British offered the throne to Prince Yusuf, who declined. A leader of Senussi is said to have informed the British that he was powerless to suppress the rebels.

PARIS VISITED BY A DISASTROUS GALE

PARIS, Feb. 17.—A gale caused serious damage and killed several in Paris. The Charente district is flooded by swollen streams.

FEAR LEVEES IN THE LOWLANDS MAY GO

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.—A storm did much damage. Monnikendam suffered considerably. Streams are rising and they fear that the dikes may break.

BELGIANS SHOT DOWN

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 17.—According to the Echo Belge three persons were killed and ten killed at Essende, Belgium, when German soldiers fired into a crowd assembled to protest against further German requisitions.

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BRITISH ABOARD GERMAN AIRCRAFT

TRAITOR TO ALBION BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AT SEA

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Lord Kitchener announced in the house of lords today that during the last Zeppelin raid there was a certain Britisher accounted for on one airship. He was lost at sea. There is good reason to believe that a second airship was put out of action. He probably referred to Zeppelin L-19, which was wrecked in the North sea.

TRIAL OF WILLIAM LORIMER IS BEGUN

WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE A JURY

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The trial of William Lorimer on charges resulting in the failure of the La Salle street trust and savings bank, began today in the criminal court. It is estimated that two, and possibly three weeks, will be required to complete the jury.

GOOD BOUTS AT GOLD CAMP LAST EVENING

GUS RAINIER, MATCHMAKER OF TONOPAH, PUTS ON A SPLENDID BILL

A number of Tonopah people autoed over to Goldfield last evening to witness the first of a series of boxing exhibitions that are to be put on by Gus Rainier of this city.

The pavilion seated a big crowd when the first act began. Altogether there were seven or eight fights, each of four rounds and three of them were knockouts. The game was well played and the fighting was not merely skillful, but fast and furious.

EIGHTH ATTACK BY ITALIANS REPULSED

GROUND IN FRONT OF AUSTRIAN POSITION COVERED WITH DEAD

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—An official statement has announced that the eighth attack by the Italians on the Austro-Hungarian positions at Javereck was repulsed. The ground in front of the new Austrian positions in the Rombo district is covered with Italian dead.

RECOMMEND DISBARMENT SOUTH DAKOTA CANDIDATE

(By Associated Press.)

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 17.—Referees appointed by the state supreme court in disbarment proceedings against George W. Egan, Sioux Falls attorney and independent republican candidate for governor of South Dakota, filed their report with the court late today, recommending Egan's disbarment for unprofessional conduct. Final action by the court is expected soon.

BUTLER THEATRE

BETTER PICTURES
TONIGHT
FREDERICK LEWIS AND ETHEL GRAY TERRY
—In—
"BOUGHT"
A Husband is bought for the daughter of a Wall Street Magnate. A Daringly Original Drama of Passion and Hatred, Ending in Idyllic Love.
--- And ---
PATHE WEEKLY
TOMORROW
WILLIAM FARNUM
—In—
"A SOLDIER'S OATH"
--- And ---
A Sidney Drew Comedy
Admission, 10 and 15c
Matinee, 1:30 Night, 7 and 8:30